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Applicant's response dated June 30, 2004 is incomplete insofar as it fails to address all the pending claims.

The response states that "applicants elect the species ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA), recited in dependent claims 26, 33 and 40." It is unclear from this response whether claims 6 and 14 were simply ignored, or are drawn to non-elected subject matter. This ambiguity is compounded by the use of the term "tetracetythyldiamine" at the last line of claim 6. Is this EDTA? (Note that the term used at the last line of claim 6 differs somewhat from the term used at the second and third lines of claim 26, for example).

Since the above-mentioned election appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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